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MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM FBABIER.

Married Sixty Years.

Captain and Mrs. William Frazier celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage at their home in Mound City, Saturday night, January 4. The family and a large number of relatives assisted them in observing the event.

Captain Frazier was born January 4, 1824, near Shippensburg, Pa., and twenty-four years later was married to Mary Ann Mickel. Mrs. Frazier is a little more than four years her husband's junior. She was born on February 28, 1828.

For several years Captain Frazier was employed as a tanner near Newburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier moved to Missouri and settled in Holt county on a farm in 1870. Later Mr. Frazier engaged in the hardware business in Mound City and in 1880 he built the Midland Hotel block and has been in the hotel business since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier are in excellent health and unusually active.

The children present at the anniversary celebration were Andrew F.

Frazier, a prosperous rancher of the Crow Agency, Mont.; Mrs. J. K. Longnecker, of Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. C. B. McCoy, Miss Anna Frazier, W. M. and J. F. Frazier, all of Mound City. The only remaining child, Mrs. A. F. Hallebaugh, of Alcona, Wyo., was unable to be present. Among the other relatives present were T. D. Frazier, one of the proprietors of the Metropole Hotel of St. Joseph; G. A. Longnecker, an expert mining engineer, of Harriburg, Pa.; John Jordan, of New Castle, Pa.; John Hart, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mrs. Joseph Hoblitzell, of Mound City. Captain Frazier has another brother residing in St. Joseph, J. M. Frazier, a retired capitalist, who was unable to be present.

The affair was entirely informal and no special preparations were made for a celebration because the captain insisted, when his golden wedding anniversary was celebrated ten years ago, that he "would have no more such foolishness."

—In the death of Eli Stokes, which occurred at his home in Craig, Tuesday of this week, January 7, 1908, there passes away one of Craig's very earliest settlers, having located there in 1860, the year following the construction of the railroad. He leaves a widow, three daughters and two sons. He was 68 years of age, and served in the Union army, and was a brother of John W. Stokes, the well known attorney.

—Will Huiatt, of the Croson school district, Clay township, has just purchased John Fries' farm of 200 acres, lying about one and a half miles from Will's home-place, paying \$20,000 for the same. Will is slowly, but surely getting his "head above water," and it will only be a short time, we hope, until there will be no danger of the poor farm ever catching him. Here's success, Will, you are ruelier, and deserving, if anybody ever was.

HEARTS THAT BEAT AS ONE.

The Record of Marriages in Holt County for the Year 1907—142 Couples Plight Their Faith.

Holt county was somewhat of a marriage center the past year. If you don't believe it just take a peep at the big bound volumes over in Recorder Speer's office. The records for the year show 142 couples were married which is larger than 1905 or 1906, while the record for divorces kept pace with these years.

A study of the record brings out some strange facts—June is recognized as the month of roses and brides—but it was no good in our county the past year from the fact that there were only ten couples united during that month while February a shorter month had more marriages as also did all the other months with the exception of July which only had 7. October shows the largest number, 17. The winter and fall months show a better record generally than the spring and summer.

Mound City has a good percentage of the licenses issued, with 25 and Craig a close second with 19, while Oregon and Maitland have each 18.

The ministers and public officials who performed the ceremonies cover a wide range. The following pastors, Enycart, Gillies, Allison, Hobbs, West and Walte head the list, while Probate Judge Murphy has a pretty good record.

Nine young men came from outside the county for their wives, while 13 young ladies captured Holt county sons.

The first license issued during the year was to George W. Brady and Beulah M. Ramsey, of Craig, on January 9th. The last was issued December 30th to Emory Wickes and Mattie E. Simon, of Mound City.

Clare L. Culp and Mina Meade; Clifford Dunigan and Jesse Alkire were married on the 13th of the first month of the year; we hope no bad luck will come to them by reason of the selection of this date.

Oren Hayes and Mary Parks, Mitchell Miller and Mary Honea, were married Christmas day, while Fred McIntyre and Hazel Dukes, selected Christmas Eve.

There were eight young gents and eleven young ladies, who in order to get married had to file permission from their parents and manumans with Recorder Speer. These were:

John P. Ramsey, Chester D. Watkins, Reuben Nau man, Earl Wachtel, Harrison Nowland, Walter H. Gorham, Herman Wright, Oren W. Hayes, Myra Bradley, Maggie Oglesbee, Georgia Smith, Georgie Landy, Zella Geyer, Clara Kelley, Olive Taylor, Nora LaFrance, Pluma Melvin, Mary Honea.

Hattie B. Foster.

The laws of our state make it obligatory upon the person authorized to perform the marriage ceremony to make due return of the certified license to the recorder of deeds. Failure to comply with this law is punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars or more than one hundred. During the year five certificates have failed to be returned.

The first marriage recorded in Holt county was that of John A. Benson to Miss Kinzey, April 18, 1841; the ceremony being performed by Green B. Thorpe, Holt's first minister. He was a Baptist.

The first common law marriage in the history of our county occurred March 5, 1904, the contracting parties being David A. Totten and Bertha Winslow, of Liberty township.

Statistics claim that 3,000 marriages per day is the record for the entire world.

During the 20 years up to and including December 31, 1907, there were 186 divorces granted in Holt county. During the same period there have been 1,943 marriages—or about one in every 15 marriages have proven a failure. In looking over our records we find that during the first decade there were but 72 divorces and 1,563 marriages, while the second decade shows 114 divorces and 1,380 marriages, showing divorces have increased during the past ten years while the marriages have decreased. In 1899 and 1902 there were only two divorces granted in each of these years, while in 1898 there were 17 granted, while the largest number of marriages recorded was in 1897 when the number reached 176, while the smallest number of marriages was in 1906 with a total of 104.

While divorce records are faithfully kept in nearly every state in the Union, statistics which tend to show the length of time married couples live together are meagre and can only be estimated. It probably is the case, however, that while the silver wedding anniversary is a common occurrence, only one couple out of 10,000 or more, live to celebrate the golden, or half century, anniversary of their marriage.

Unquestionably, one of the most remarkable instances of longevity as well as lengthy matrimonial career in the United States, is that of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carpenter, of Richmond, Indiana—the former being 97 and the wife 95, and their wedded life has covered a period of nearly 74 years. Should they both live to the spring of 1908, they would be able to observe the rarest of events, their diamond anniversary.

The monthly record for 1907 was as follows:

January	8
February	12
March	12
April	14
May	10
June	10
July	7
August	11
September	13
October	17
November	15
December	17

Total 142

The record of marriages and divorces for the past ten years have been:

	Marriages	Divorces
1898	152	17
1899	168	13
1900	148	12
1901	136	8
1902	129	12
1903	121	11
1904	145	10
1905	135	9
1906	104	11
1907	142	11

The following is the alphabetical record of the marriages solemnized in Holt county during the year 1907:

Arnold Ed D. Jr., and Cora Scroggens, of Forest City, by Geo. W. Murphy, judge of probate, August 20.

Anno Edward, and Dollie Hopper, of Forest City, September 25, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Alberty Henry C., of Ransom, Kas., and Frances Leann, of Mound City, September 11, by Rev. Jno. Gillies.

Ashworth Robert, of Maitland, and Nola Baulditz, of Graham, September 11, by Geo. W. Murphy, judge of probate.

Brady Geo. W., and Beulah M. Ramsey, both of Craig, January 9, by Rev. Spickerman.

Bender Roy, and Nellie V. Kneale, of Oregon, January 27, by Rev. T. D. Roberts.

Bisby Arthur H., and Ava Randall, of Napier, June 15, by Rev. Thos. J. Enycart.

Beninger Joseph H., and Nellie Parker, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, February 20, by G. W. Murphy, judge of probate.

Brock Walter, of Forbes, and Ida Woods, of Oregon, February 19, by S. A. Tribble, J. P.

Ball James O., and Bertha Foster, of Oregon, April 3, by Rev. W. H. Hardman.

Barcus Ivan E., of Maitland, and Myrtle Judy, of Graham, April 19, by Rev. Charles Hodshire.

Brittall Earl E., and Nellie DeBord, of Maitland, April 21, by Rev. James H. Thompson.

Brown John A., of Craig, and Alice Dulin, Neosha Falls, Kansas, November 17, by Z. T. Randall, J. P.

Burger Frank O., and Bessie Reynolds, of Oregon, December 22, by G. W. Murphy, judge of probate.

Bonney Robert E., of Ontario, Canada, and Emma Stath, of Mound City, December 14, by Rev. John Gillies.

Cummings Geo. W., and Eva B. Carroll, of Oregon, January 27, by Rev. H. Hobbs.

Culp Clare L., of Oregon, and Mina M. Meade, of Forbes, January 13, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Canlin James W., and Nettie Kennish, of Mound City, by Rev. John Gillies, March 20.

Chambers Luke, of Lebanon, Mo., and Lizzie Stevens, of Lincolne, Mo., June 13, by Jacob King, J. P.

Cook Fred W., of Oregon, and Myrtle M. Borer, of Clyde, Mo., February 20, by Rev. J. Ben Sims.

Cubbage Levi A., and Blanche L. Maggard, of Mound City, September 14.

Cooperider Marion, of Granville, Mo., and Flora Frazier, of Forest City, November 16, by G. W. Murphy, judge of probate.

Clark Martha P., of Gallatin, Mo., and Aleka Morton, of Mound City, November 29, by Rev. John Gillies.

Carroll Edward, of Oregon, and Vina Grimes, of Forest City, November 27, by Rev. B. H. Hobbs.

Dunigan Clifford M., of Mound City, and Jessie Alkire, of Bigelow, January 13, by Rev. John Gillies.

Dukes Madison, and Nora Moody, of Mound City, by Rev. John Gillies, March 24.

Dryden Gestring and Maude Arnold, of Forest City, August 14, by George W. Murphy, probate judge.

Dooley Patrick A., and Maud E. Gentry, of Forest City, February 27, by Rev. W. H. Hardman.

Dunn Chas. E., and Georgia E. Landy, of Fortescue, April 20, by H. R. Stuart, J. P.

Dick Lewis, of Oregon, and Pluma Melvin, of Forbes, October 6, by Rev. Wm. H. Hite.

Duncan Bennie W., and Rosa West, of Bigelow, September 4, by H. R. Stuart, J. P.

Dukes Fred, and Minnie Moody, of Mound City, November 27, by Rev. John Gillies.

Davis Geo. H., of Mound City, and Goldie Jackson, of Bigelow, December 5, by Rev. E. Wallace Walte.

Egger G. Adolph, and Lena Hornecker, of Oregon, April 17, by Rev. Wm. Tonat.

Ernsting Henry F., and Clara Heine, of Craig, November 15.

Fitzgerald Wm. E., of St. Joseph, and Clara L. Browning, of Craig, June 13, by Rev. H. P. Kelly.

Ford Albert, and Ida Hurd, of Craig, February 4, by G. W. Murphy, judge of probate.

Fehleins Wm. H., of St. Joseph, and Marie H. Bohart, of Maitland, April 10, by Rev. Father Henry F. Nelmann.

Faulconer Richard D., of Weston, Mo., and Meta Lyon, October 21, by Rev. James Walton.

Fuhrman Walter E., and Addie McDonald, of Mound City, September 18, by Rev. J. K. Young.

Goldsberry Corbin D., and Ora Vandevanter, of Mound City, July 4, by Rev. E. Wallace Walte.

Gelvin Arthur, of Culbertson, Neb., and Letha Hickman, of Mound City, October 19, by Geo. W. Murphy.

Graves Joseph H., and Sarah F. Shaw, of Skidmore, October 31, by Jacob King, J. P.

Gorham Walter H., of Maitland, and Margarette Belle Wilson, of Pleasant Hill, Mo., October 20, by Rev. J. Sam George.

Gelvin Dr. James L., and Erma Lee Spicer, of Fillmore, November 18, by Rev. C. H. Sauerman.

Hanks Leonard R., of Mound City, and Millie C. Ballard, of Craig, August 15, by Rev. E. J. Spickerman.

Hurburt Jno. D. C., of St. Joseph, and Lucile Turner, of Oregon, February 16, by Rev. W. L. Carter.

Hahn Theodore, of Craig, and Allie B. Browning, of Corning, March 29, by Rev. Bruce West.

Hatton Robert L., of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Belle Cook, of Oregon, May 29, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Hamilton Bert, of Forest City, and Rhoda Minton, of Napier, July 17, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Henry Dr. F. H., of Cairo, Egypt, and Hazel K. Meyer, of Mound City, June 26, by Rev. Henry Nelson Bullard.

Hills Asa J., of Clarinda, Iowa, and Dollie Proud, of Mound City, November 16, by Rev. C. V. Allison.

Hayes Oren W., and Mary Parks, of Fortescue, December 25, by H. R. Stuart, J. P.

Ideker Fred, of Craig, and Regena Naber, of Corning, March 9.

Jones Guy, of Bigelow, and Hazel K. Spellman, of Mound City, December 10, by Rev. E. Wallace Walte.

Kee Perry E., and Flora Fancher, of Oregon, January 20, by Rev. L. M. Brummett.

Kretzer Emerson, of Forbes, and Minnie Dick, of Oregon, August 17, by S. A. Tribble, J. P.

Kirk Benjamin E., and Blanche E. Ball, of Oregon, by Rev. B. H. Hobbs, October 1.

Krug Philip H., of Rush Center, Kas., and Rose Fink, of Oregon, March 28, by Rev. Pommerenke, of Kansas.

Kuhn Roy C., of Oregon, and Nettie Andes, of Mound City, February 20, by Rev. C. V. Allison.

Loffer S. F., and Minnie M. Riley, of Maitland, February 19, by Rev. B. F. Baker.

Lon Bennett, and Bessie Harrington, of Falls City, Neb., March 22, by Rev. John Westley.

Loucks Samuel G., of Pinola, Cal., and Cora Gibson, Mound City, May 22, by Rev. C. V. Allison.

Lusk John, and Clara Kelley, of Forbes, September 15, by S. A. Tribble, J. P.

Livville Chas. E., and Lulu Riley, of Maitland, December 9, by Rev. J. S. George.

Miller Mitchell R., and Mary L. Honea, of Corning, December 25, by Ira G. Graham, J. P.

Mace Emery E., and Bernice Bruner, of Craig, March 25, by Rev. Bruce West.

Meyer Joseph M., of Cumberland, Pa., and Emma L. Gelvin, of Maitland, March 28, by Rev. H. P. Alexander.

Messick Fred A., of Fillmore, and Susie Shyden, of Bigelow, April 10, by G. W. Murphy.

Miller Edgar, of Craig, and Grace Thomas, of Mound City, October 20, by Rev. O. P. Ellis.

Maines Clarence, of Forest City, and Pearl Mitchell, of Mound City, October 27, by Elder W. H. Hardman.

Meador Roser, of Monrovia, Kas., and Verda Smith, of Mound City, February 19, by Rev. C. V. Allison.

Mitchell Lester L., and Clara E. Lawrence, of Craig, February 13, by Rev. R. Bruce West.

Murphy Geo. W., and Mrs. Alberta C. Green, of Oregon, June 7, by Rev. James Walton.

Martin Louis S., and E. J. Calhoun, of Fillmore, July 11, by Jacob King, J. P.

McIntyre Fred, and Hazel Dukes, of Mound City, December 24, by Rev. John Gillies.

McKay Joseph E., and Alice Richards, of Mound City, August 21, by Rev. Jno. Gillies.

McGuire Earl E., of Forbes, and Zella E. Colhour, of Oregon, May 1, by Rev. W. D. Lukens.

Meyer Raphael, of Mound City, and Annie Pearl Kennedy, of Maitland, November 26.

McBee John, and Lillie Crawford, of Mound City, November 30, by John H. Steele, J. P.

Neimann John, and Maggie Oglesbee, of Craig, February 6, by Z. T. Randall, J. P.

Nauman Reuben, and Mary C. Allen, of Craig, February 13, by Rev. O. D. Allen.

Nauman George W., and Anna E. Buetzer, of Mound City, April 13, by Rev. C. V. Allison.

Nichols Jesse, and Golda Flemings, of Maitland, July 6, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Noland Harrison, of Maitland, and Ibbie O. Inman, of Graham, September 5, by Geo. W. Murphy, judge of probate.

Narans Eddie, and Ida Kurtz, of Oregon, September 21, by Rev. B. H. Hobbs.

Odell Solomon C., and Mira Bradbury, of Craig, January 16, by Rev. L. M. Brummett.

Oglesbee Levi H., and Emma Caton, of Oregon, November 13, by Z. T. Randall, J. P.

Overly A. J., and Alta B. Younts, of Bigelow, December 4, by Z. T. Randall, J. P.

Payne James William, of Curzon, Mo., and Addie Lyons, of Harriburg, Ill., April 15, by George W. Murphy.

Parsons W. L., of Forest City, and Ellen Cotton, of Fortescue, May 8, by H. R. Stuart, J. P.

Peugh Lewis, of Glenwood, Iowa, and Joshua Schultz, of Corning, Mo., August 28, by Rev. R. Bruce West.

Proffitt Harvey, and Ollie Fallor, of Oregon, September 16, by G. W. Murphy, judge of probate.

Parker Harry, and Sophia E. Kili, of St. Joseph, October 23, by E. S. McDonald, J. P.

Paxton Lewis, of Napier, and Nora LaFrance, of Forbes, October 2, by Rev. B. H. Hobbs.

Quick Fred, of Forest City, and Florence Kirby, of Troy, Kas., May 29, by Rev. J. P. Godbey.

Quincy John, of Buchanan county, and Emma Beers, of Craig, July 19, by Rev. R. Bruce West.

Ross Terry, of Forest City, and May Carleton, of Craig, July 24, by Z. T. Randall, J. P.

Roberts Arthur, and Cora E. Williams, of Maitland, May 29, by Rev. E. F. Cooley.

Ranch George, and Levlina Landers, of Maitland, November 23, by Dan Dreher, J. P.

Swain Conley P., and Dollie Mendenhall, of Mound City, February 20, by Rev. Geo. W. Weidemer.

Scheele Ernest H., and Emma Schmutzer, of Corning, March 21, by Rev. J. H. Rupprecht.

Sipes Brada, of Forest City, and Jose Keaton, of Forbes, April 9, by Rev. B. H. Hobbs.

Summers John, of Forest City, and Fannie Dulaney, of Hannibal, April 24, by Rev. Chas. A. Hodshire.

Sparger Fred, and Blanche Null, of Mound City, May 6, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Scout John T., of Forest City, and Alice Rayhill, of Oregon, May 8, by Rev. Jas. M. Walton.

Smith John A., of Clarinda, Iowa, and Stella Dozier, of Forest City, June 29, by Rev. B. H. Hobbs.

Swymeler George H., and Mina A. Smith, of Forest City, August 28, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Schreiber A. J., of St. Joseph, and Bessie M. Stout, of Forbes, September 25, by Rev. Jas. M. Walton.

Shields Elmer, and Blanche Patterson, of Maitland, October 7, by Rev. James Walton.

Sins John, and Margaret Miller, of Maitland, October 16, by Rev. C. V. Allison.

Strickler Thomas W., and Desa D. Stovall, of Craig, November 2, by Rev. R. Bruce West.

Schooler George F., of Maitland, and Myrtle Leverich, of Oregon, November 20, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Starr Vine A., and Lucy H. Masden, of St. Joseph, December 17.

Showalter Ira J., and Hattie R. Foster, of Craig, December 2, by Z. T. Randall, J. P.

Terhune Robert E., and Mabel M. Hicks, of Mound City, April 10, by Rev. John Gillies.

Taylor Bradford M., and Maggie McGinnis, of Craig, April 13, by Rev. Father C. P. Hurley.

Thompson Clyde, and Bertha Wright, of Mound City, June 11, by Rev. R. J. Spickerman.

Thornton Elmer, of Forest City, and Jesse Chaffer, of Franklin, Neb., June 12, by Rev. J. P. Godbey.

Turney E. P., of Forest City, and Maude Burke, of Amazonia, June 30, by Rev. J. P. Godbey.

Thompson Carl E., and Lettie Davis, of Mound City, August 21, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Thomas Matt B., and Sarah J. Moore, of Mound City, September 11, by Rev. C. V. Allison.

Turney Jno. H., and Mae N. Carson, of Forest City, October 13, by Rev. W. H. Hardman.

Urey David, of Forest City, and Mary Balingen, of Mound City, October 17, by J. H. Wilson, J. P.

Engles Wm. H., and Nan Schooler, of Maitland, by Rev. B. F. Baker, March 6.

Vest R. F., and Ira U. Jackson, of Bigelow,

October 10, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Vandever James L., of Forest City, and Adelle LaFrance, of Forbes, October 24, by Rev. B. H. Hobbs.

Watkins Chester D., of Craig, and Mary E. Walters, of Mound City, by Rev. C. M. Chilton, January 26.

Wilson Daniel E., and Clara E. Stanley, of Bigelow, by Rev. John Gillies, March 6.

Worley Charles, and Zella Guire, of Forest City, April 29, by H. Acton.

Wilson Edgar L., and George A. Smith, of Bigelow, April 10, by H. R. Stuart, J. P.

White Ivory, and Florence L. Schultz, of Corning, July 16, by Rev. T. L. Harmon.

Warner Wm., and Margaret Gayer, of Oregon, August 16, by Rev. T. J. Enycart.

Wiles Merady M., and Mabel Mendenhall, of Graham, August 22, by J. Sam George.

Wampler Lewis M., of Kansas City, and Grace Groves, of Mound City, August 27, by Rev. E. Wallace Walte.

Wydm Price L., and Lillian E. Cowan, of Maitland, October 2, by Rev. J. Sam. George.

Wachtel Earl, and Rosa Burrier, of Oregon, September 3, by Rev. B. H. Hobbs.

Weha Martin, of Darlington, Mo., and Mary Evans, of Oregon, September 4, by Rev. Geo. H. Wehn.

Williams Fred R., of Trenton, Mo., and Esther Loucks, of Maitland, November 24, by Rev. J. H. Atkinson.

Wright Herman, and Mary Showalter, of Craig, December 4, by Rev. R. Bruce West.

Wickes Emory, and Mattie E. Simon, of Mound City, December 30.

Yous Louis F., of Bigelow, and Elvira J. James, of Franklin, Pa., February 16, by Rev. C. V. Allison.

Assessment Values.

Assessor Fitzmaurice has completed the assessment of our county for the 1908 taxes, and his efficient deputy Frank Graham, is now compiling the books, in order that they may be ready to submit to the county court at its regular meeting Monday next. From it we gather the following interesting facts:

Tp.	Range.	No.	Value.	Value.
38-9	36-37	21,701	\$ 198,300	\$ 197,420
40	37	17,143	212,240	212,210
41	37	17,053	264,030	263,590
42	37	12,340	220,810	220,610
43	37	5,988	100,310	100,020
38-8	38	15,747	168,570	170,010
40	38	18,672	209,050	208,690
41	38	22,904	337,400	337,080
42	38	22,712	400,540	400,200
43	38	11,520	208,650	208,250
38-00	39	15,578	139,730	139,570
41	39	22,271	245,190	244,670
42	39	22,957	323,240	323,020
43	39	11,499	208,550	208,530
40-01	40	9,740	96,850	96,600
42	40	19,858	249,890	249,880
43	40	13,738	150,740	150,620

Total lands, 230,019 \$3,413,230 \$3,403,990

Total number of tracts, 4,520.

Average number of acres per tract, 62 1/2.

Average value per tract, \$843.

Average value per acre, \$13.50.

	Value	Value
	1907.	1906.
Mound City	\$263,710	\$275,490
Oregon	186,850	186,050
Maitland	116,040	121,690
Craig	92,960	92,930
Forest City	69,210	67,640
Corning	33,500	31,890
Bigelow	18,000	21,590
Forbes	8,250	8,350
Napier	4,490	4,460
Fortescue	3,750	2,450
Richville	1,010	1,010

Total value, \$798,360 \$814,140

Total number of town lots, 4,300

Average value per town lot \$136.

The assessment of 1907 as compared with that of 1906, shows a total gain of \$9,360 in lands and a total loss of \$15,780 in town of valuations a net loss of \$6,420.

Total value of lands, \$3,413,230

Total value of town lots, 798,360

Total value 1907, \$4,611,690

Total value 1906, 4,618,100

This gives a per capita valuation on basis of lands and town lot values of \$271.

The average value per acre in 1890 was \$10; 1895, \$11.80; 1900, \$12; 1905, \$13.50; 1907, \$13.50.

—Rev. Richard Zachman, of Oglesby, Illinois, is visiting here, the guest of his father, Henry Zachman.

—Jacob Bucher and wife, N. F. Murray and wife, and Billy Risk and—oh, we forgot, Billy isn't married yet—left this week on a prospecting trip in Texas. Mrs. Murray will visit with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Kunkel, of Anadarko, while the men folks will do the prospecting. Jacob Bucher and wife will, before they return, take a trip through New Mexico, and visit with friends in San Antonio, Dennison, and other points in Texas. They will be absent two or three weeks.

—M. D. Walker and wife, Daniel Burrier and wife, will leave next week for Corpus Christi, and other points in that section of Texas. They will likely remain until the middle of March or first of April next, in order to escape the rigors of this northern climate. Ha! ha! that's a good one. Here it is the 10th of January, and many of our farmers in the fields plowing—winter over half gone, and the mercury has not gotten in sight of zero yet. C. O. Proud and wife are thinking of going, but have not fully decided yet.